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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7.11.2003 (this application).
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

For example the terms “the same kind” (two occurrences in claims 1 and 7) lack antecedent basis.

Claims 2-6 and 8-12 depend from rejected base claims and are thus rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-12, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Koizumi et al. (US 5760797). Koizumi et al. teach every element of the instant claims including:

1. A printing head for ejecting ink, comprising: a printing element board (12) including an energy generating element (411A) for generating energy used for ejecting the ink; a wiring board (see figs 8 and 13) used for supplying an electric signal or an electric power from an apparatus main body to said printing element board, said wiring board

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(col 7, ln 22) including an electrode wiring line connected with an electrode of said printing element board to supply the electric signal or an electric power (col 8, lns 51-56); and a supporting member supporting said printing element board, said supporting member being formed with an electrode wiring line (446) for connecting the electrode wiring lines (446), which supply the electric signal of the same kind or the electric power of the same kind, with each other among the electrode wiring lines (446) connected with the electrode of said printing element board (see figs 8, 13, 14, and 18).

2. A printing head as claimed in claim 1, wherein the electrode wiring line (446) in said supporting member is formed on said supporting member (IJC, and fig 18).

3. A printing head as claimed in claim 1, wherein the electrode wiring line in said supporting member is formed inside said supporting member and only a part of said electrode wiring line which connects with the electrode wiring line of said wiring board is exposed (see fig 14, IJC, and fig 18);

4. A printing head as claimed in claim 1, wherein said wiring board is sandwiched between said supporting member and a board forming outermost surface of said printing head (see fig 14);

5. A printing head as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection of the electrode wiring line of said wiring board with the electrode of said printing element board is made in a

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state in which said electrode wiring line is entirely covered with said wiring board (see fig 20, 445, 446, and col 18, lns 26-34);

6. A printing head as claimed in claim 1, wherein the energy generating element generates thermal energy to generate a bubble in the ink and the ink is ejected by pressure of the bubble (see col 17, lns 52-62);

7. An ink jet printing apparatus which employing a printing head to eject ink to a printing medium for performing printing, wherein the printing head comprises: a printing element (12) including an energy generating element (411A) for generating energy used for ejecting the ink; a wiring board (see fig 8, 13) used for supplying an electric signal or an electric power from an apparatus main body to said printing element board (12), said wiring board (12) including an electrode wiring line connected with an electrode of said printing element board to supply the electric signal or an electric power (col 18, lns 51-56); and a supporting member supporting said printing element board, said supporting member (IJC) being formed with an electrode wiring line (446) for connecting the electrode wiring lines (446), which supply the electric signal of the same kind or the electric power of the same kind, with each other among the electrode wiring lines (446) connected with the electrode of said printing element board (see figs 8, 13, 14, and 18);

8. An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the electrode wiring line (446) in said supporting member is formed on said supporting member (IJC, see fig 18);

9. An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the electrode wiring line in said supporting member is formed inside said supporting member and only a part of said electrode wiring line which connects with the electrode wiring line of said wiring board is exposed (see fig 14, IJC and Fig 18);

10. An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said wiring board is sandwiched between said supporting member and a board forming outermost surface of said printing head (see fig 14);

11. An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the connection of the electrode wiring line of said wiring board with the electrode of said printing element board is made in a state in which said electrode wiring line is entirely covered with said wiring board (see fig 20, 445, 446, and col 18, lns 26-34);

12. An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the energy generating element generates thermal energy to generate a bubble in the ink and the ink is ejected by pressure of the bubble (see col 17, lns 25-62).

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Raquel Y. Gordon, whose telephone number is (571) 272-2145. The Examiner can normally be reached on M Tu Th and F 8:30-6:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Stephen Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. A fax number is available upon request.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding may be directed to the Examiner or Supervisor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raquel V. Gordon', is written over the printed name and title.

Raquel V. Gordon
Primary Examiner
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September 26, 2004

**RAQUEL GORDON
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